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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☒ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
☐ a sequence listing
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material
☐ in written format
☐ in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing
☐ contained in the international application as filed.
☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-10</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	<u>1-10</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-10</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

The following documents are cited in the International search Report:

D1: SE 519393 C2
D2: EP 1311044 A2
D3: SE 503133 C2
D4: EP 0052090 A2

The present patent application relates to is a module and frame for flat cable entries and pipe penetrations.

Document D1 relates to a frame (13) for cable entries wherein said frame receives modules (15) and tensioning means (14). Said modules (15) are formed of two halves between which a number of peeling sheets (16) and a centre part (17) are received. When a cable or pipe is to be received in a module (15) the centre part (17) and an appropriate number of peeling sheets (16) are removed (see page 6, line 28 - page 7, line 27 and figure 3).

Claim 1

Document D1 does not mention that the modules (15) are adapted to receive flat cables.

A man skilled in the art being confronted with the problem of adapting the modules that are mentioned in document D1, to receive flat cables, would consider that it is only a matter of geometric shaping. Therefore, what is claimed in claim 1 is considered to lack an inventive step (Article

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33(3) PCT).

Claim 2

The supplementary features introduced by dependent claim 2 specify minor implementation details that can be anticipated by a man skilled in the art and which do not add anything of inventive significance to the subject matter of claim 1. Therefore, what is claimed in claim 2 is considered to lack an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT).

Claims 3 - 10

The technical features introduced by dependent claims 3 - 10 are disclosed in document D1. These features specify only minor implementation details that can be anticipated by a man skilled in the art and which do not add anything of inventive significance to the subject matter of claim 1. Therefore, what is claimed in claims 3 - 10 is considered to lack an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT).

The invention is industrially applicable.

Further, documents D2 - D4 show only the general state of the art.

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Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawing or on the question whether the claim are fully supported by the description, are made:

The wordings "or the like" and "etc" used in claims 1 and 3 – 6 are not defined and therefore vague and unclear and leaves the reader doubt as to the meaning of the technical feature to which it refers, thereby rendering the definition of the subject-matter of said claim unclear (Article 6 PCT).